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Re-Use of Flickr Images on Wikimedia Commons

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Sterling Dudley <seandudleym@gmail.com> Fri, Aug 1, 2025 at 11:26 PM
To: Peter.finocchio@governor.virginia.gov

Hi Mr. Finocchio,

I am an avid follower of Mr. Youngkin's Flickr account. I really appreciate all that you provide in terms of photographic transparency and availability of materials. I also mirror the images to Wikimedia Commons for use on Wikipedia since the photos are licensed with a Creative Commons license that allows re-use.

However, there has been a recent deletion discussion over whether or not Wikimedia Commons can host these images since there is a textual disclaimer stating the following

> These photographs are provided by The Office of Governor Glenn Youngkin as a courtesy and may be printed by the subjects in the photograph for personal use only. The photographs may not be manipulated in any way and may not otherwise be reproduced, disseminated, or broadcast, without the written permission of the Governor's Office.

I was wondering if there was permission for these photos to be used on Wikimedia Commons so that we can continue to enrich Mr. Youngkin's own page, and many other members of Virginia politics, with this visual imagery. I had been utilizing the photographs in good faith based on the CC license provided since the Governor's office has the option to select an NC or ND license in lieu of this less restrictive license commonly applied.

Please let me know your thoughts as I believe they will be helpful in determining an outcome.

Best,

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Sterling M. Dudley
Public Domain Researcher
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Finocchio, Peter (GOV) <Peter.Finocchio@governor.virginia.gov> Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 6:03 AM
To: Sterling Dudley <seandudleym@gmail.com>

Sterling,

Thank you for asking. You have permission to use as long as you credit the photos to the Office of the Governor of Virginia.

All the best,
Peter

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From: Sterling Dudley <seandudleym@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 2, 2025 1:26:52 AM
To: Finocchio, Peter (GOV) <Peter.finocchio@governor.virginia.gov>
Subject: Re-Use of Flickr Images on Wikimedia Commons

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